

# Lesson Plan: Europe Day

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Class/group: Junior Cert CSPE: Democracy

Learning Intentions:

At the end of this lesson students will

1. Understand the origins of the EU
2. Know how it has grown and changed over time
3. Appreciate the work and impact of the EU on the everyday lives of the citizens

Key Skills: Communicating, Managing Information and Thinking

Resources:

1. Europe Day Presentation
2. [https://ec.europa.eu/ireland/about-us/ireland-in-eu\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/ireland/about-us/ireland-in-eu_en) (Ireland and the EU)
3. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rqolaqu5k\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rqolaqu5k_M) (Recap video)
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8FwRxW5-RU> (Brexit Video)

Introduction: Begin by asking the class to come up with their definitions of what a union is and what they think the European union is. Then ask them to come up with some possible benefits of countries working together rather than working on their own. Briefly explain the situation in Europe immediately after World War 2.



Development: Go through the included presentation.

Conclusion: Watch the recap video and for homework ask the students to explain each of these parts of the EU :  
Commission, Parliament, European Council, Court of Justice

Follow Up Activity: If time allows ask students do they know what is due to happen on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 that will have a big impact on EU membership. Students can also view the Brexit video to help them understand what is happening before the next class.